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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division, DD/P

SUBJECT : ELINT Requirements in the Far East

REFERENCE : Minutes of Ad Hoc Requirements Committee on
Project CHALICE Meeting Held 31 March 1959
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25X1A 1. I assume that the reference was written pursuant to my request that ELINT requirements in the Far East be examined and that such examination take place in the [REDACTED] Requirements Committee.

25X1C 2. As a follow-up to the referenced paper, I should like your view as to the urgency [REDACTED] carried on in the Far East. I confess to the feeling that it is common for ELINT missions to be justified on the basis that the flights [REDACTED] and, conversely, [REDACTED] to be defended on the grounds that the mission is primarily for ELINT. The reference appears to make quite clear that the legitimate ELINT requirements by themselves could be satisfied by most infrequent missions. This evaluation, taken together with my impression that [REDACTED] is distinctly a secondary requirement, would lead me to the conclusion that the present rate and scale of these Far Eastern missions are considerably greater than can be justified.

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